



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

**TEENAGE SAFE DRIVING AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers in Florida and in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 800,000 licensed drivers in Florida are between the ages of 15 and 19; and

**WHEREAS**, teen drivers had the highest crash rate of any age group in Florida in 2008 when more than 32,000 teen drivers were involved in crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, out of the 109 teen drivers killed in crashes in 2008, 63 percent failed to buckle up. Nearly half of those unbuckled teens were fully or partially ejected from their vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Teenage Safe Driving Week will bring attention to the development of programs, such as the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' *Drive with CARE* program, that help prepare teens to take the wheel; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Florida recognizes the importance of safe teen driving programs and encourages parental involvement in helping young people to develop critical driving skills;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles held the first teen driver safety summit in Florida in October 2009 to bring awareness to the important issue; and

**WHEREAS**, local citizen activist groups, such as The Dori Slosberg Foundation, help promote teen driver safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 18-25, 2010, as *Teenage Safe Driving Awareness Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the Great Seal of  
the State of Florida to be  
affixed at Tallahassee, the  
Capitol, this 1st day of March,  
in the year two thousand ten.

  
Governor